GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HOME GUARDS AND OTHER CIVIL DEFENCE FORCES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment about the funding to Home Guards and other civil defence forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints about violation of rules in recruitment to these forces in Delhi and other States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)&(b): The Government of India has been reimbursing expenditure on raising, training and equipping of Home Guards and Civil Defence Corps to the States on the following basis:

(i) All NE States (Except Assam) - 50%

(ii) All other States(including Assam) - 25%

During the last 3 years, i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, a financial assistance to the tune of Rs.31 crores, Rs.32 crores and Rs.31 crores was provided to the States for raising, training and equipping of Home Guards Organisations.

Similarly, during the last 3 years, commencing from the year 1998 to 2001, a financial assistance of Rs.5.5 crores was provided to the States on annual basis for raising, training and equipping of Civil Defence Corps.

(c)&(d): the eligibility criteria for recruitment of Home Guard volunteers have been laid down in the Delhi Home Guards Rules, 1959. According to information received from the Government of NCT of Delhi, there have been no complaints about the violation of the provisions of the Rules in this regard. However, some representations regarding corruption in the matter of enrolment, re-enrolment and discharge of Home Guard volunteers were received. In order to bring about transparency in this regard, the Government of NCT of Delhi, in pursuance of observations of Hon`ble Delhi High Court have formulated guidelines with the approval of Lt. Governor, NCT Delhi on the subject and the same have been implemented.